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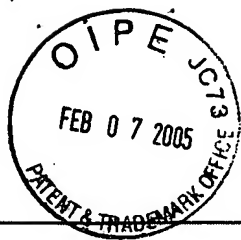
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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

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Applicant is given a period of **THREE (3) MONTHS** from the mailing date of this notice within which to provide a copy of applicant's record (if any) of all of the correspondence between the Office and applicant for the above-identified application (except for U.S. patent documents), a list of such correspondence, and a statement that the copy is a complete and accurate copy of applicant's record of all of the correspondence between the Office and the applicant for the above-identified application (except for U.S. patent documents), and whether applicant is aware of any correspondence between the Office and applicant for the above-identified application that is not among applicant's records.

☒ The following paper(s) pertaining to the above-identified application cannot be located after a reasonable search:

Change in Power of Attorney, Oath or Declaration, and IDS filed on 09-14-2004.

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Alternatively, applicant may reply to this notice by producing applicant's record (if any) of all of the correspondence between the Office and the applicant for the above-identified application for the Office to copy (except for U.S. patent documents), and provide a statement that the papers produced by applicant are applicant's complete record of all of the correspondence between the Office and the applicant for the above-identified application (except for U.S. patent documents), whether applicant is aware of any correspondence between the Office and the applicant for the above-identified application that is not among applicant's records. Such records must be brought to the Customer Service Center in the Office of Initial Patent Examination (Crystal Plaza 2, 2011 South Clark Place, Arlington, VA 22202).

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Failure to reply to this notice in a timely manner will result in abandonment of the above-identified application. The three-month period for reply to this notice may be extended (up to a maximum of six months) under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). However, failure to reply within this three-month period will result in a reduction of any patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 10/792,035; Filed: March 4, 2004
For: **Methods and Compositions for Synthesis of Nucleic Acid Molecules
Using Multiple Recognition Sites**
Inventors: CHESNUT *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.5340005/BJD/JKM

Sir:

In reply to the "Notice Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.251 - Pending Application" dated December 17, 2004, Applicants submit the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Reply to Notice Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.251;
2. Copy of the Notice Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.251;
3. PTO date stamped postcard dated September 14, 2004, evidencing the original submission of documents 4 and 5 listed below;
4. Courtesy copy of original executed Power of Attorney from Assignee;
5. Courtesy copy of Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) with a copy of the Assignment and Notice of Recordation attached;
6. Courtesy copy of Ten (10) original Declarations, executed by the inventors (40 pages), originally submitted on August 16, 2004; and
7. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned, and any fees therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

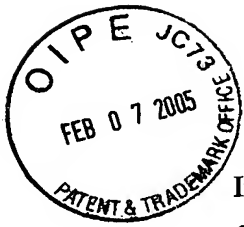
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In re application of:

CHESNUT *et. al.*

Application No.: 10/792,035

Filed: March 4, 2004

For: **Methods and Compositions for
Synthesis of Nucleic Acid Molecules
Using Multiple Recognition Sites**

Confirmation No.: 1259

Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: *To Be Assigned*

Atty. Docket: 0942.5340005/BJD/JKM

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Applicants respectfully submit that, as evidenced from the PTO date stamped postcard, an Information Disclosure Statement was not filed on behalf of Applicants on September 14, 2004. Applicants further submit that, to date, no Information Disclosure Statement has been filed in the present application.

In order to comply with the Notice Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.251, Applicants have provided copies of the Ten (10) original Declarations, executed by the inventors. Applicants respectfully submit that the Declarations were originally filed on August 14, 2004, and not with the submission on September 14, 2004, as indicated in the Notice.

Applicants undersigned representative hereby states that the copy of the above-mentioned papers is a complete and accurate copy of Applicants' record of correspondence between the U.S. Patent Office and Applicants on September 14, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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